is no shortage of LPG cylinders in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Allotment of Kerosene quota to Assam from Central Pool

40. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any quota of kerosene fixed from the Central pool to the State; and

(b) if so, what is the quota allotted to Assam during 1987-88 and 1988-89 upto date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The kerosene requirements of States and UTs including Assam are assessed by allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, ad-hoc allocations are also made to meet specific situations like floods, drought, shortage of LPG etc.

The total quantity allocated to Assam during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is given below:—

(Figures in tonnes)

Year	Quantity allocated (including ad-hoc releases)
1987-88	218635 • 232485
1988-89	

Power deficit in the country

41. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present energy deficit in the country; and

(b) what are the reasons for reduction in average PLF in the year 1988-89 and what have baen its effects on the energy scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) During the year 1988-89 the energy deficit in the country was 7-7%.

(b) The Plant Load Factor of thermal stations during 1988-89 was 55% as against a target of 54-8%.

Central Public Sector Investment in Punjab

42. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central Public Sector Investment in Punjab at present;

(b) whether the percentage of such investment in Punjab vis-a-vis the total investment has decreased over the years;

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to step it up; and

(d) how many employment opportunities have been created in Punjab since 1984 by setting up industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a.) The total Central Public Sector

gross block in the State of Punjab as on 31-3-88 upto which period only the information is available was Rs. 746.98 crores.